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OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

THOMAS

Another Warrior Has Gone to Rest

Brother Z. R. Thomas of Perry, Fla.,
and living in Meridian, Miss., at the
time of his death, was in his eightieth
year. He was born October 14, 1868,
and passed on April 7, 1948, leaving
one daughter of his immediate family
to mourn his passing.

Brother Thomas had been a licensed
minister in the Church of God since
1920. He served on the mission field
six years, as overseer of Jamaica—
from 1928 to 1934.

He was very staunch in his belief
in holiness and the Church right up to
the end. It was our privilege to be
with him just a few days before he
passed on, and his whole desire was to
talk about the Lord and the work of
the Church.—H. L. Chesser.

BUDD

George Grant Budd, eighty-one
years of age, departed this life April
8, 1948, to be with Jesus. He was a
faithful charter member of the
Church of God at Avon Park, Florida.
He left many loved ones and a host

of friends to mourn his death.—Rev.
W. O. Crews, Pastor.

MCLENDON

Mrs. Lizzie Renew McLendon de-
parted this life January 27, 1948. She
was saved, sanctified, and filled with
the Holy Ghost. She had been a mem-
ber of the Church of God twelve
years. She died in the faith. We know
that our loss is heaven's gain. She
left two brothers, three sisters, a
father, mother, and one son.—Beau-
lah E. Osbon.

COKER

Mrs. Nellie Coker departed this life
to be with the Lord January 28, 1948.
She was saved, sanctified, filled with
the Holy Ghost. She had been a mem-
ber of the Church of God for fifteen
years. We do not weep as those who

have no hope for we expect to meet
Sister Coker again where we will
never have to part.—Beaulah E. Osbon.

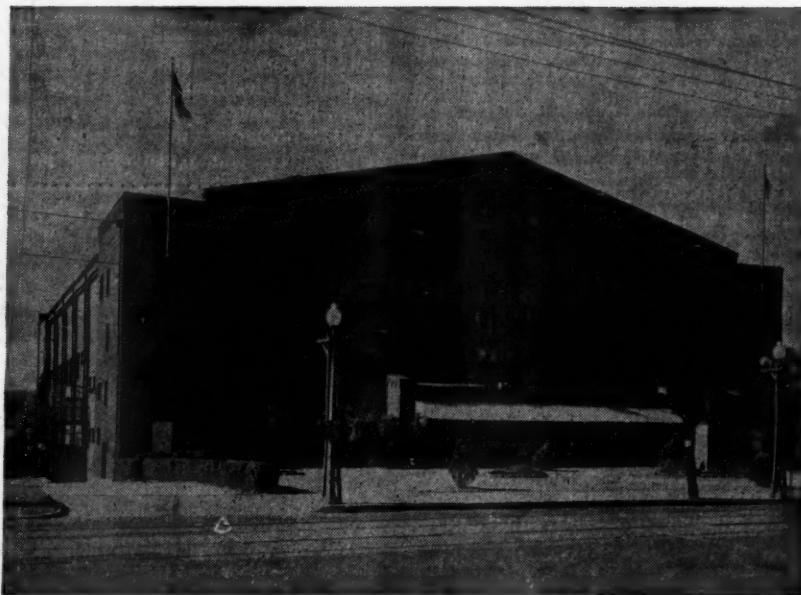
COVER PICTURE

This scene, of a portion of the City of
Tel Aviv—the modern city—appears very
peaceful, as the shepherd traders go about
their usual business of trading animals.

There are two or three varieties of goats
bred in Palestine, the most marked varieties
being the Syrian goat and the Angora goat,
with fine long hair, and the goats seem al-
ways to be herded with the sheep, the kids
being a choice food.

On May 13, the Jews were declared a
state, and the nation of Israel was imme-
diately recognized by the United States.
But in spite of the peacefulness portrayed
in our front-cover scene, at present war is
rampant in the Holy Land, and Tel Aviv
is being bombed. If there ever was a time
when we needed to be alert and prayerful,
it is now. Prophecy is being fulfilled before
our very eyes and our great King may come
at any time.—Religious News Service Photo.

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► EDITORIALS . . .

SIXTH ANNUAL NAE CONVENTION

The sixth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals was one of the best, and was greatly enriched by the accomplishments of this past year.

The Church of God was represented by those chosen by the Supreme Council, who were as follows: H. L. Chesser, J. D. Bright, J. Stewart Brinsfield, E. C. Clark, Houston R. Morehead, Earl P. Paulk, E. L. Simmons, E. M. Tapley, Zeno C. Tharp, J. H. Walker, Paul H. Walker, and Ralph E. Williams.

Others attending all or a part of the convention were as follows: C. M. Truesdell, Bill Brown (Illinois state youth director), V. D. Combs, J. G. Hall, F. W. Lemons, T. M. McClendon, Mervyn McLuhan, Joe Milligan, Vance Perkins, A. Rennels, R. W. Tedder, and E. C. Thomas (North Carolina state youth director).

SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE NAE

The NAE is a service organization. It exists to help denominations, local churches, mission boards, Christian schools and colleges, associations of ministers, and other interdenominational and non-denominational evangelical agencies to do together what they each can not do alone. The services of NAE are often sought and received behind the scenes of public ministry, and therefore their value is not immediately known to pastors and people and in the local churches and sometimes not even to evangelical leaders. This is a description of some of these services and accomplishments. A glance at the list will show you how varied and far-reaching these services are. A study of them will convince you of the tremendous value of NAE to you and your church, as well as to every other evangelical, whether affiliated with NAE or not.

For example, when the Youth for Christ team desired to enter the American Occupation Zone of Europe, it was discovered that permission could not be granted by either the State Department or the Military Administration until an interdenominational agency of standing in America sponsored the Youth for Christ International and approved of their plan to send teams to Europe. The NAE was just the organization to do this and thus the doors were opened abroad to Youth for Christ teams. The great work accomplished by these teams was thus made possible by United Evangelical Action.

In our own country, the question was raised on several state university campuses as to whether Inter-Varsity Fellowship should be allowed on the campus, inasmuch as it is not a "church" agency. This problem was solved by the official endorsement of Inter-Varsity by NAE and thus this strong evangelical testimony continued on campuses from which it would have been excluded without the cooperation NAE makes possible.

Such accomplishments are possible because twenty-nine entire denominations and local churches, schools, mission boards and other institutions, from twenty-three more denominations, are officially affiliated with NAE, giving representation to evangelicals of fifty-two different denominations. This wide representation on a definitely evangelical basis, for each one affiliated must affirm the seven-point NAE Statement of Faith, proves to the Govern-

ment and the public in general that there is a large element in our American churches absolutely loyal to the evangelical faith. Moreover, it demonstrates the agreement of all these people on the basic truths of Christianity, and reveals their willingness to cooperate in matters of common concern.

This bringing together of so many different groups, in a four-year-period of time, is, in itself, no small accomplishment. The incidental values are also great. Executives of denominations, who never know each other before, have found real fellowship with one another. Without comprising any of their convictions or hindering any of their work for Christ, duplications of efforts are being avoided. Misunderstandings have been cleared away. New cooperative efforts, resulting in greater effectiveness in winning souls, have been begun.

NAE is making evangelical influence felt in other lands, too. Many complaints of the persecution of evangelicals in Italy have been received by their brethren in this country. Under NAE auspices, a representative committee was formed which called on the Italian ambassador to the United States. The committee was prepared to furnish him documentary proof that the guarantee of religious liberty to minority groups in Italy, included in the peace treaty with the U.S. and in the Italian Constitution, was being flagrantly disregarded. They told him of how men and women had been stoned and jailed for no other offense than meeting to worship Jesus Christ and preach the gospel. They informed him of the murder of some preachers by mobs led by Roman Catholic priests. This conference took place on February 3, 1948. On February 4, an order was issued from Rome to release all the prisoners mentioned, and to open all the Protestant churches which had been closed. This order affected several denominations in Italy. Maybe yours was one. Certainly these people are your evangelical brethren!

Much of the united evangelical action is carried on through the commissions and affiliate organizations of NAE. Below are listed a few of their many thrilling accomplishments:

Commission on Missions and Evangelical Foreign Missions Association

... Serving over eighty evangelical mission agencies by securing passports, visas and transportation, and purchasing, at savings, supplies for over one thousand missionaries. Twenty-seven boards are in full affiliation. Over 5,000 missionaries are on the field under these boards.

The Washington Office of NAE enjoys cordial relations with the Department of State, the embassies of foreign countries and members of the Congress. Many permits have been secured for evangelicals in various capacities; necessary contacts with government agencies have been made on behalf of evangelical churches, schools, and colleges who desired official representation. Close watch of legislation affecting religious liberty has been kept and testimony on behalf of evangelical interests given at legislative hearings. Progress of legislation has been reported to the evangelical public.

The Office of Transportation and Purchasing in New York: Besides handling over \$100,000 worth of emergency

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Modesty vs Modernism

By REV. T. W. GODWIN

Text: Phil. 4:5, "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."

In considering the subject before us, in terms of the above text, may we explain that the words composing the subject title may not be found in the Scriptures in so many words, but in substance we find them from Genesis to Revelation.

"Modesty," in the first position, means regard for what is proper in behavior or manner; in the second position, it means reserve concerning one's own power; in the third position, it means freedom from what is extreme—moderation. Hence we get our text, "Let your moderation be known unto all men"; keep from excess and in bounds; calmness of mind, speech, and action, which are truly religious terms, unto which all Christians are invited. Modesty, in terms of religion, makes certain demands upon its subjects, such as revelation and spiritual insight. These demands cannot be met by the insidious and sacrilegious, because they deal specifically with love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.

Only those who are modest can meet the requirements mentioned above. Scientifically, modernism is like fire and water. We could scarcely live without its proper usage; yet, if misused, it is very destructive. Modernism has great demands, if we speak in terms of inventions; and under this particular caption, the world has made great progress in many and various ways too numerous to mention here. But, religiously speaking, modernism has no demands. Here is her stand towards churches and Christianity: a tendency towards rationalistic interpretation of doctrine, which means the interpretation of scriptural statements upon the principle of human reason, to the disregard of supernatural revelation. Such interpretations are given every day we live. When men say you cannot live without sin, that's human reason; when such are received into church fellowship, that's modernism.

Paul said, in Gal. 5:19, that adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lascivious-



ness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, revelling, and such like were against the Law, and they that do such things cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

Modernism denies the above statement of the apostle, and says we are all prone to do such things and that it is impossible for a human to live without its commission. But friend, keep in mind modesty is against such human reason and interpretations. Yes, when you visit the modern congregation, you have for a Sunday School teacher a profane cigarette-sucking, liquor-drinking, show-going, card-playing hypocrite. This usually applies if it is a man or a woman. The deacon is of the same type and caliber, and the preacher is the same. If he does not like many things that go on, he says nothing about it for fear he will lose his job, and maybe his credentials, and perhaps be kicked out of the synagogue. Therefore, he becomes an accessory to the crime. Yes, the Ichabods stand in the choir, painted and decorated like show clowns, with the smell of cigarettes and liquor on their breath, and sing "Down at the Cross" and "Oh How I Love Jesus." Is that religion? That's what modernism calls it.

I realize that what I have said in

the last one hundred and fifty words sounds dark and ugly, but it is the truth. It does prevail, and it is dangerous and destructive. Modernism has covered the land. Millions are being deceived into its jaws and clutches, to be finally lost. The above principles of modesty is against. There is a great conquest on today, and moderation calls for men and women who are not afraid, men who will stand for right and not compromise, and who are not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Psalm 119:6, David said, "Then shall I not be ashamed when I have respect unto all thy commandments." The reason many so-called Christians are ashamed of holiness, they have not had any respect for the commandments of God. Therefore, they compromise with the modern way of Christian pretension. David said further, "I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways"; yes, God's way and not the way of modernism. Moses could have been a modernistic philosopher. He had every opportunity to train for such during his youthful days, but he just would not compromise with the devil. He esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt, for he had respect unto the recompence of reward.

In bygone days, God used the youth for combat. There is a great secret in the action of youth. This has come to light over a period of years, even in political and military circles. Twenty-five years ago, when Adolph Hitler, of Germany, was constructing his gigantic war machine, he resorted to and specialized in the youth. The result was that he built an army that was hard to beat. When the late President Roosevelt considered war, he specialized in the youth of America. The result was victory and success over the Axis powers of the world.

What is the secret of youthful action? The youth has an alert mind, energy, will-power, ambition, and determination that men do not have who have put their lives behind them. Twenty-five years ago, the youth had no place in the Christian ranks. They were not needed, in the opinion of

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Prosperity

The Lord spoke unto Joshua, the minister of Moses, saying, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success," Josh. 1:8.

Joshua, whose name denotes Jehovah-Saviour, is a type of Christ, the "captain of our salvation," who is leading us onward, from victory to victory, making our way prosperous.

We notice here that Jehovah, God, promised to be with Joshua, and to make his way prosperous only on the condition that he meditate, both day and night, upon the things that are contained in the book of the law and "observe to do according to all that is written therein." This does not



Rev. J. H. Ingram

mean that one must stay awake all of the time, since it is necessary to sleep some; but it does imply that one should meditate continually upon the Word during his waking hours, ever ready to act in accordance with the command of our Lord.

We are also reminded of what Christ said to the disciples, according to the scriptures contained in Matthew 28:18-20, where He commanded them to go therefore and teach all nations to observe all things whatsoever the Lord Himself had ordered. We no-

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tice, moreover, that the Lord Jesus promised to be with them alway, even unto the end of the world, only on the condition that they "teach all nations," not just some of the things that He commanded, but that they "teach them to observe all things whatsoever." I wonder if we Church of God folk are doing what we can to carry out the command of our Lord.

According to the record contained in Luke 16:8, Christ said, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." When one phase of our culture, whether it be material or nonmaterial, advances faster than the other, there results what is termed a "cultural lag." It is sad, but true, nevertheless, and we cannot deny the fact, that our spiritual culture is lagging behind, when compared with the progress being made by material culture.

With her tremendous resources, and with the right to employ her initiative, free, competitive enterprise, America has achieved greater progress in a shorter time than any other country on earth. American enterprise recognizes no "last frontiers." Their frontiers are constantly expanding; but what about us as the Church of God? While serving the Church as general foreign missions representative, this writer, assisted by others on the field, has seen 22,935 members, belonging to

512 full-fellowship churches, brought into the Church of God, together with mission property to the value of \$193,921, during the period of fourteen years. This alone is sufficient evidence that missions pay big dividends, if one may use such a term. There is no apparent limit to the amount of good we could accomplish, did our Mission Board have a larger working-capital. Are we really giving what we can for this worthy cause when we compare our \$2.50 a member in the United States with \$123 per capita given to foreign missions annually by the Seventh Day Adventists, for example? Should we not meditate on these things and "observe to do according to all that is written," in order that we, too, may make our "way prosperous" and "have good success"?

REVIVAL

BRECKENRIDGE, Tex.—God has given us a glorious Holy Ghost revival, with ten saved, five sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church revived. Rev. W. E. Mitchell, of Munday, Texas, brought the messages. During the first week of the revival, the Holy Ghost would take charge of the services and people would fill the altar without a song. There have been two additions to the church and seven to be baptized in water.—T. J. Lightfoot, Pastor.



Do Yourself This Favor

By REV. WILLIAM POSPISIL

I am sure you would not want to do anything that would hinder the work of God and your own spiritual progress. However, I believe that because of unbelief in some of God's great promises, your own spiritual growth is hindered and God's cause suffers. If you would believe for those things God has promised He would do for you, and be the recipient of them, then you would grow spiritually, and the Church would prosper. You would do yourself a favor and in turn the Church would be blessed.

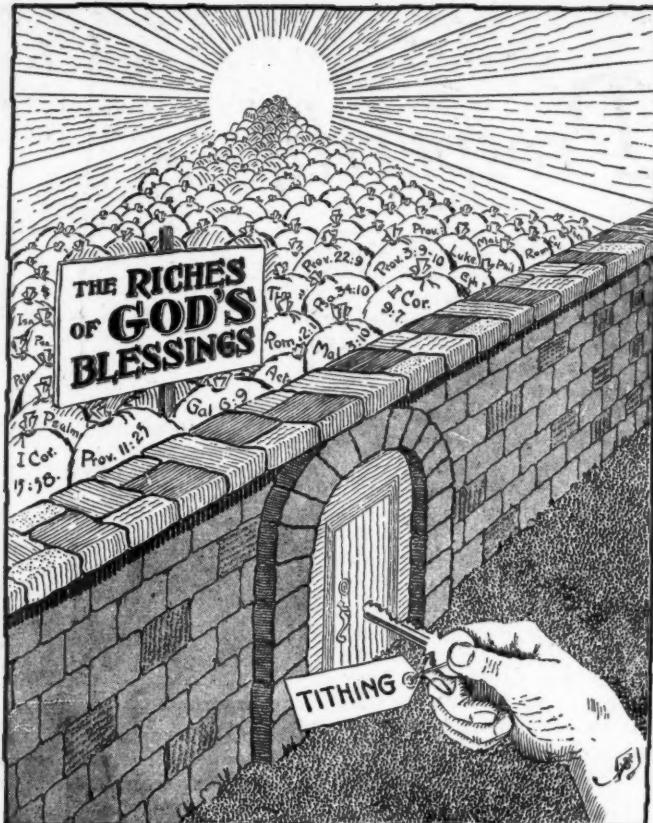
Can you, do you, dare you believe that the Lord meant what He said, when He said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again," Luke 6:38? Can you not see that you rob yourself of a blessing by being close-fisted instead of being liberal? when Paul quotes Jesus and says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," Acts 20:35b. When you withhold from your fellow man, or from God, you are cheating yourself of a blessing, and hindering your spiritual progress and also the progress of the church. You may think your own needs must come first and then if there is anything left that you will gladly give after that. My friend, if you are living for yourself only, you never have anything left to give. Selfishness in the heart will blind you to the needs of the church and of the poor.

There is a scripture in the eleventh chapter of the book of Proverbs which indicates that a close fist will bring poverty. Listen to the 24th and 25th verses: "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tend-

eth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." You do yourself a great injustice by not believing these promises God has made concerning liberal giving. In the third chapter of the book of Proverbs, the 10th and 11th verses, he tells you to "honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Withholding from God indicates that we dishonor Him. Liberal giving indicates that we honor God and show our love for Him.

You want your heart set on heaven, don't you? Then do what Jesus said in Matt. 6:19-21: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The apostle Paul compares giving to



that of sowing seed. We expect the harvest to be greater than the amount of seed sown. If one sows only a few seeds, he will reap comparatively little; however, if he sows many seeds, he may reap a large harvest. One's giving is to be cheerfully and liberally, as indicated in 2 Cor. 9:6, 7: "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." You want God to love you, don't you?

Christ warned His disciples against covetousness when He said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," Luke 12:15. The apostle Paul indicated, in 1 Cor. 6:9, 10, that the covetous would not inherit the kingdom of God. These, as you will notice in the above verses, are classed with the worst of unrighteous deeds.

God wants to bless you but you hinder
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A God-Ordered and God-Planned Life

Psalm 119:57

Rev. H. V. Fowler

"Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep thy words." The Lord is to be first.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you," Matt. 6:33.

You cannot have the best until He is first. By Him you have life. In Him you live. From Him come all blessings. The prosperous man of Psalm 1:2 meditates day and night in the Word. God's commission to His servant Joshua was: "Be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses, my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

The death of Moses took from among men one of earth's greatest noblemen, and one of God's greatest generals. Some may have thought that the loss caused by Moses' death was irreparable. Not so, God always finds other men to fill in the great gaps. Luther, Wesley and Moody may come and go but God always has others to take their places.

Joshua, as Moses' minister, had proved faithful. He had, as a servant, learned much by the way of leadership. In each task he had proved himself faithful and true. The Lord is not forgetful of our labors. God knew how Joshua had, forty years before, brought back a good report of the land. Joshua was about to step into a place of responsibility and under burdens such as he had never known. Joshua had more than once seen Moses almost in despair. He had heard the cry to God, "I cannot bear this people alone." The valiant Joshua needed this commission to study the Word. The strong and stalwart need the blessings of the Book. Joshua could not paddle his own canoe. Joshua could not afford to fall in building upon the law of God. The

Word was to be constantly in Joshua's mouth. It was to be his meditations day and night. The leader of the people needed to be guided by the Word. He was to study the Word that he might observe to do according to all that was written therein. Paul's instruction to his dearly beloved son was "study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." God seemed to be telling Joshua that in doing the work, he would never be in danger of acting contrary to God's Word.

God never says one thing in His Word, and another thing by His voice or vision. Remember, if any speak contrary to the Word, there is no truth in them. Our constant cry should be "back to the law of God. Joshua was promised prosperity and success through obedience to the law." God said, "Then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." True

ONE-MINUTE SERMON

"Ready"
Rom. 1:15

Penetrating eyes from heaven fell upon a small company of men as they journeyed to Damascus from Jerusalem. The leader, dressed in brief authority, was bent on destroying a work for which Jesus had given His blood. His heavenly introduction was so outstanding that men stood speechless. Saul, lying upon the ground, trembled as he talked with the Master. Stubborn souls become humble when Christ draws near.

The tumble to the ground may have shaken Saul, but it helped to condition his heart for the Spirit to fill him. God may permit a man to fall so he can get his proper bearings. This man's fall became his salvation. His heart was then charged with Holy Ghost power, and he uttered, "I am ready to preach the gospel." A preacher with his soul clean, his heart filled with holy boldness, and the burden of the gospel upon him will not have a testimony service just to save himself from preaching. At Mars hill, Paul was ready; dashed upon an island of the sea, he was still ready; bruised and bleeding in prison, he sang and told the story of Jesus. Earthquake, prison doors blown open, jailer converted! Paul was READY.—Manuel F. Campbell.

success and prosperity and worthwhile achievements come by knowing and doing the law of God. We need to learn this secret. The men who now say to the Bible, "You are wrong," will one day—too late—say, "I am wrong. Forever, O Lord, thy Word is settled in heaven."

The Bible is both universal and timeless. It claims an abhorrence of vice and an alliance with virtue and truth. Great men of the past have taken the Book as their guide. Joshua said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord (or live by His Word)." The Bible has come to be the one Book which, above all others, conveys to its readers the comfort and assurance for which humanity so desperately longs. It is the beacon light in the darkness of human experience, which guides the weary and disconsolate traveler to the goal of his heart's desire. It points the way to salvation, peace, and success.

"I thought on my way, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." A well-ordered life must be God-ordered, God-planned. The Psalmist said, "I thought on my way"; then he said, "I turned my feet unto thy testimonies." He set his feet definitely in God's way. Eliezer said, "I being in the way God led me, I made haste and delayed not to keep thy commandments." Once a man knows God's will, nothing else can be considered. So often we sit and weigh and debate when we should move. Speak, my Lord, speak, and I will be quick to answer Thee.

A well-ordered life stays true under persecution and testing. Some glass cooking vessels are marked "oven-proof." God is looking for oven-proof saints. The God-planned life walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. If you continue to companion with the disobedient, it will harm your spiritual life and cut off your power and blessings. "Teach me thy statutes." The God-planned life seeks God's instruction. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. (Psalm 119.) Order your life accordingly, it will bring you blessings and make you a blessing.

Lest We Forget . . .

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AUL, in writing to the Hebrews, tells them to bring to remembrance those days when they endured a great fight of affliction, when they were first brought into the light of the gospel, and to "cast not away therefore your confidence, which has great recompense of reward."

It is surprising how quickly people can forget the promises and vows they once made to God. When the going was hard, when it seemed as though God was their only refuge, they called upon Him, and promised they would live for Him; but then, how often have we noticed that those same people, when God brought them out of their trouble, forgot their vows and now go on living in the same old way!

Our hearts are grieved when we notice so many who called upon God during the past war, promising to give their lives to His service, then when peace was declared, they forgot all about those vows. But God has not forgotten! He says in His Word that it is better to never make a vow than to make one and break it. How many young men do we know about who called upon God when the bullets were whizzing around them and they were in grave danger? The Lord heard their cry and brought them safely home, but many of them today have almost entirely forgotten about God. There were precious mothers who, during those hours, turned to God, asking Him to spare their sons over there somewhere on the battle-fields, and then when their sons returned home, they failed to give God first place in their lives and homes, and neglected praying and seeking God as they once did.

Friends, looking back and remembering all those wonderful things God did for me, as well as for thousands of other young men called into the service, somehow I cannot forget it. And in these hours, when it seems the war clouds might be hovering over the land and world, I wonder if it would not be good for all of us to call to remembrance all that God did for us in times past, how He delivered

us in moments of danger, lest we find ourselves forgetting God and leaving Him out of our lives.

The remembrances I love to bring back are those times, so many times, in which I saw the hand of God working—using the young Christian service men to lead others to Christ; how He filled so many with the Holy Spirit, and called a goodly number of them into the ministry, right during the war. How I do remember the times that God intervened in hours of danger, and spared the lives of those who called upon Him.

I have in mind a group of us young service men—soldiers, sailors, marines, and seabees—over on one of the islands in the Pacific, during the war with Japan. It happened that five or six Spirit-filled young men gathered together out in an old tent to have prayer meetings and to seek God about saving their fellow buddies. Some of them would go out there to tarry for the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Others began hearing about that prayer meeting in the little tent over in the sugarcane patch, and soon the group had grown so large until their little shelter would no longer hold them. The leaders of the group were Spirit-filled, every one of them having received the Baptism, and many of them since coming in the Army. As the group grew, they found the little tent was no longer adequate, so upon consulting a nearby chaplain at one of the Army hospitals, he agreed to help them erect a larger tent. All the fellows pitched in, and in hardly no time, they had a little "tent chapel" all their own, and a place where others could come and get saved and filled with the Spirit. The chaplain, much in sympathy with the work, donated a small organ; and so, with the other instruments the fellows brought, there was plenty of good music and singing.

Yes, I saw God definitely work in that group, and such glorious services we had! There would be young men from almost every denomination coming out, and upon seeing the glory and blessing upon the others who had been filled with the Holy Ghost, they, too, would soon find themselves



*Text: "Call to remembrance the f
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Hebrews 10:32, 33.*

desiring and seeking for the experience. One young sailor, a member of a large denominational church, came to the services night after night, but not understanding about the baptism with the Holy Spirit, he could not feel free to enter into the services as he would liked to have. One night, when the power of God had fallen, this young man was the first in the altar, tarrying and praising God for the Baptism. Yes, he was the first that night to receive the experience, and I shall never forget the joy and happiness that seemed to glow from round about him. After the rejoicing and praising was over, he found himself testifying, "Folks, some people don't believe in this; but I tell you, when you get the experience, it is real!"

One night a young fellow, a corporal in the Air Corps, who had just moved to that island, came out, upon hearing of "that bunch that prays so much over in the tent at the sugarcane patch." He was the son of a minister back in California, and had been well taught against the baptism of the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues. On this particular night that he came out, the Spirit used one of our Spirit-filled fellows, and through him spoke a message in tongues. After the service, the corporal came to me, saying, "Can you tell me about that speaking in tongues? I do not understand. I enjoyed your services and all, but I should like to know more about this, if there is a deeper experience."

Call to Remembrance the Former Days

By Talmadge F. McNabb, B. A.

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lured a great fight of afflictions."—*

"Come down to where my outfit is located, tomorrow night," I told him, "and we will take the Bible and search out the truths about this." I told him how in these last days God was pouring out His Spirit as on the day of Pentecost, and upon the young men and all who would receive. After several nights of Bible study, sitting up until sometimes past midnight, the young man looked at me and said something like this: "I have always been taught against this experience, and have heard weird tales about those who claim to have the experience; but since meeting you boys, I have observed something so different about you—you have something which I do not have. If that experience is for me, I want it." Praise God! That's all that God demands of anyone, just a sincere heart, and a hunger! Within a few nights of tarrying for the promise of the Father, one night while praying out by an old bomber, that young corporal was baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. In telling about it he exclaimed, "It was a wonderful experience! While praying and praising God out by that old bomber, a wonderful power came over me, and I found myself speaking a beautiful language that I knew not; and since then my Christian life has been filled with such joy that I can hardly contain myself."

Writing to his father, a minister, he told of how God had given him such a wonderfully glorious experience. His father, as well as his mother, being

touched by the Spirit of God, themselves sought for and obtained the Baptism and are on fire for God today. I might add that later on God called that young man into the ministry, and today he is preparing himself to that end, perhaps to go as a missionary to foreign fields. This time it will not be with guns and equipment with which to fight; but he will be armed with the powerful Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, carrying the message of salvation to the lost and dying, and those sitting in heathen darkness. Hallelujah!

Yes, those to me are precious memories, and my heart thrills with joy to think of the number of that group who are today out in the ministry, or studying for the Lord's work. Recently, while visiting a Bible School in Florida, I met the leader of that group, a fine young man, who is still on fire for God and studying to go, as soon as possible, to preach the gospel in Korea. God called him as a missionary one night, over there at our little tent chapel, after he received a burden for the Koreans who were located on our island.

Yes, thank God for the experiences He has given us; thank God for the old-time religion that will stand the test! The old-time religion is in the world today, with the same results as in Bible days. God has not changed His plan of salvation. He is still pouring out His Spirit upon those who will receive Him. The power of God is just the same today, for God has said, "I am the Lord, I change not."

Looking around over the religious world, we find many who at one time in their history taught and experienced real salvation and deeper walks with God, but today they are trying to modernize the salvation of Jesus Christ. They have removed the "old landmarks" that God said should not be removed. They are substituting a

sham for the old-fashioned way to God.

God said that in the latter times some should depart from the faith, forgetting Him and what He had done for them, like the children of Israel, who forgot how God had brought them through the wilderness. There is a great departure from the faith in these days, by those who are supposed to stand by the Word of God. Where once holiness and sound doctrine were



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preached and lived, now modernism is being substituted.

People do not like to hear that they are lost, and that there is a burning hell awaiting them, so they have hired ministers to preach morality, culture, and refinement; and, in supposedly orthodox pulpits, they are doing away with the divinity of Jesus Christ. Thousands are being led into a profession of religion without repenting of their sins, and are taken into church

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Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature



J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary

MIDDLE EAST MISSION LEAGUE HAS GROWN TO SIXTY-FIVE MEMBERS

Feeling definitely led of the Lord, I am herewith appealing to you for help in promoting a special mission drive, to create a greater mission spirit among the churches, also to stress the great financial need for the "Middle East" at this present time of emergency.

If you read the Evangel of January 10, you will recall the plea for financial assistance, of Brother Hatfield, who is our missionary to Palestine and Egypt. The title of his article was "Open Doors of Opportunity in Egypt." He stated that we need to purchase some property and establish a Church of God headquarters in Cairo. He also said a school is greatly needed there; that due to the new legislation now being formed by the Moslem Government, the opening of any more schools after this year may be prohibited; and through the means of a school is our best way of sending missionaries in as teachers.

Christian fellow workers, I want to tell you this: One year ago, God called me to this mission field (Egypt), and though as yet I'm unprepared to go, the extreme weight of this burden is upon me, and my great desire is to assist him in some way with these financial problems, which, by the Lord's help, I am endeavoring to do.

In his Evangel article, Brother Hatfield stated that our mission department treasury is under great financial strain and will be unable to give him aid to meet these great needs.

I have spent many, many long hours this past year weeping and tarrying before God for these countries. After reading this call for help, my burden became too heavy for weak ones to bear, and I sought God even the more earnestly. To my surprise, in the late hours of the night the sweet Holy Ghost whispered to me this wonderful idea. Oh, glory to God! I feel the

mighty presence of God and I surely am enjoying writing this. God's approval is upon it. Praise His dear holy name! Somehow I feel that the burden is being lifted, and I hope Brother Hatfield feels the same way at this moment. God is everywhere and can bless him there in the East as well as He is blessing my soul here in America. Isn't God wonderful?

The plan is to form a "Middle East Mission League" in our churches here in America. The membership fee is \$1.00 a year for each person. Each church that participates in this membership campaign will receive special recognition through our Macedonian Call. Pastor, please get the name of each member and send in with the funds. Christian friends, to be a member of this League, one does not necessarily have to be a member of the Church of God. You may solicit membership from the public, especially the businessmen of your city.

We are at present organizing our "Middle East Mission League" in the church at North Charleston, S. C. Our profound conviction is that Brother Hatfield is in great need at present in starting the Church of God work in the Holy Land.

We have had many helpful suggestions as to how this League will function—the appointed times for meeting, its programs, etc. All who need help in starting your local League, feel free to write us and we will send any information you feel necessary in carrying on this great work.

Now, friends in Christ, if you want to receive some of the richest of God's blessings, take a prompt interest in our "Middle East Mission League." You will then be a foreign mission worker right in your own home land. Remember, Jesus said, "Go ye, therefore." We can't all go across, but we can be strong mission soldiers and help carry the financial burden.

We are earnestly looking for the soon appearing of Jesus. We know He

will appear in Jerusalem, so let us get a great Church of God work established there soon.

If everyone will do his or her part, we feel sure this membership will grow rapidly and every need will be supplied. Let us send the light across the waves and rescue the perishing souls, by sacrificing \$1.00 for Jesus' sake.

Pray daily, earnestly, and fervently for our missionaries. Yours in the Master's name, MIDDLE EAST MISSION LEAGUE, Mrs. Beatrice Stansky, President.

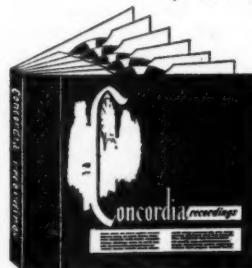
P. S. This money will be sent to the Missions Board, and will be used according to their discretion. For each member enrolled, we will send a beautiful mission badge immediately, to be worn as a constant reminder that Christ and missions hold first place in your life. Please address all correspondence to Middle East Mission League, P. O. Box 253, North Charleston, S. C.

12 WELL-KNOWN HYMNS

- "Saviour, When in Dust to Thee"
- "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"
- "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast"
- "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
- "All Glory Be to God on High"
- "Holy Lord, We Praise Thy Name"
- "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"
- "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- "Christ, the Life of All the Living"
- "Let Me Be Thine Forever"
- "Lord Jesus Christ, with Me Abide"
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God to heal me of kidney stones.—A Friend, Durham, N. C.

My mother, Mrs. C. S. Paxton, who is in a serious condition.—Miss Maxine Paxton, Shrewsbury, W. Va.

My throat to be healed; it is paralyzed.—Mr. L. A. Doss, Danville, Va.

Me to be healed of eczema and low blood pressure.—Mrs. Charlie Vest, Milestone, Ky.

My body to be healed.—Sister D. W. Merrill, Picayune, Miss.

My brother to be saved and healed.—A Sister, Findlay, Ohio.

My family and me.—Sister Marie Waters, Princess Anne, Md.

God to heal me so I can work regularly; my unsaved friends.—Florence Easter, Mt. Airy, N. C.

Me to be healed.—F. E. Burrow, Benton, Ark.

A very, very special request.—A Friend.

Two very urgent requests.—A Sister, Elizabethton, Tenn.

A very special urgent request.—A Sister.

My son to be saved and healed of cancer; another son to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Sallie McCall, Cashiers, N. C.

The Lord to heal me of stomach and back trouble.—Mrs. M. O. Strong, Modesto, Calif.

The complete healing of my two children; my loved ones; my husband and me.—Mrs. Hoye White, Gaffney, S. C.

The healing of my body; loved ones to be saved; two special unspoken requests.—Mrs. Euretha Williams, Hilliard, Fla.

The tent revival here.—Sister Ward, Williamson, N. C.

My husband and me to be saved; two very special requests; my sister to be healed.—A Reader.

The healing of Mrs. Hayes, who is to have an operation; my nerves to be healed; my husband to be saved.—A Friend, Burlington, N. C.

EDITORIALS

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transportation for missionaries, and securing many rare items of supplies for missionaries on the fields, as well as thousands of dollars worth of 'easier to get' items, all at great savings to the missionaries, this office is now making available its purchasing services to full-time Christian workers in this country who are evangelical. Inquiries should be made directly to Mr. W. J. Anderson at 9 East Seventh Street, New York 3, New York.

Commission on Radio and the National Religious Broadcasters' Association

Increased friendly relations between the NAE and the four broadcasting chains have resulted in increasing amounts of sustaining time for evangelical broadcasts, and of opportunities for negotiations regarding other programs. The NRB has adopted a five-year program and issues quarterly bulletins of factual information to its entire membership. NRB has the respect of the radio industry, as confirmed by this quotation from a communication to the president of the National Association of Broadcasters: "This association represents the most responsible group in the field of religious broadcasting."

Me to be healed; the Lord to open up a way for me to work for Jesus.—Mrs. M. L. Blackburn, St. Augustine, Fla.

A special request; my home; me to be healed.—A Sister, Springville, Ala.

An urgent request; me and my husband to be healed.—Idethia Holley, Cordova, Ala.

My family to be saved.—Mrs. Albert King, Pittsview, Ala.

A sick boy.—St. Pauls, N. C.

My children to be saved.—Mrs. Sam Sawyers, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

My brother who has heart trouble; God to keep His hand on my son in the Navy and save him.—Mrs. Dallas King, Goldville, S. C.

God to heal me of kidney trouble.—Folly Peterson, Travelers Rest, S. C.

My husband to be saved; God's will to be done in my home.—A Sister, Doctors Inlet, Fla.

A special request.—A Reader, Elizabethton, Tenn.

My home and children; God to save souls here.—Mrs. Martha Sisk, Vandale, Ark.

My children to be saved; me to be healed of smothering attacks.—Elizabeth Hickman, Kingsport, Tenn.

God to bring me back into His fold again; my loved ones to be saved.—A Friend, Phoenix, Ariz.

My mother and niece to be healed.—A Sister, Northfork, W. Va.

My healing.—A Friend, Travelers Rest, S. C.

My husband and brother to be healed; my children to be saved; God to undertake for us.—Mrs. Susie Shackleford, Newellton, La.

God to heal my son; me and my family.—Ella Baxley, Dillon, S. C.

My mother to be healed; Mrs. J. E. Homan to be healed of asthma; me.—Lillie Mae Waddell, Tonica, Miss.

Two requests.—R. S. Bennett, Naples, Fla.

God to restore health to me and my son.—Mrs. J. K. Castillor, Grenada, Miss.

Commission on Church Schools and the National Sunday School Association

Has cooperated in sixty-six Sunday School conventions and conferences in twenty-one states and one province in Canada, and has conducted two national Sunday School conventions, and assisted sixteen Sunday School associations in getting started. Has brought into existence the new Evangelical Uniform Bible Lesson Series, which already has a circulation of more than a million during the first year of its cycle.

The NSSA office has counselled scores of pastors and Sunday School workers by correspondence, and published a series of four Sunday School tracts and four Sunday School blotters, with a combined circulation of nearly a million.

War Relief Commission of the NAE

Has distributed clothing and food and money relief in France, Belgium, Norway, Holland, Greece, Poland, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, England, Italy, Rumania, Finland, and Hungary. Shipments of Multi-Purpose Food have also been sent to evangelical missions in China and the Philippines. Altogether, more than \$30,000,000 worth of food and

clothing have been distributed in these countries in the valuations of the countries receiving the goods. Thousands of Evangelical churches and individuals have contributed, and millions of individuals have been the recipients of this relief. One of the greatest accomplishments was the recent furnishing of food for the Marburg, Germany, Conference of Evangelical Pastors, when fourteen hundred evangelical pastors gathered for their first conference since the war. This conference was made possible by the food furnished by the War Relief Commission of the NAE, for the pastors could not furnish their own food, and the entertaining city could not furnish it.

The War Relief Commission of NAE gathers relief funds and goods from evangelicals, and channels all of it through established evangelical agencies of proven reliability, for distribution both to Bible-believing people and the unsaved of the countries to which it is sent. Less than one-half of one per cent of all the goods gathered have been lost in transit or through lack of distribution facilities.

This tremendous relief program has involved the raising and expenditure of over \$2,500,000.—National Association of Evangelicals.

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The NAE offers services in these various departments which is proving a great blessing to the churches for the cause of evangelicals: Commission on Evangelical Educational Institutions; United Evangelical Action—the official journal of NAE; Chaplain Counselors for Industry; Evangelical Youth; The Commission on Home Missions; The Commission on Army and Navy Chaplaincies; World-Wide Evangelical Cooperation; Regional and Local Offices.

I Have Tried Him

LOUISE, Miss.—I am so glad to say that I am still saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and on my run to Glory, and still looking to the good Maker above, who gives us all blessings. I still trust Him for the healing of my body. I know He can and will heal, for I have tried Him from time to time.

I thank God for the revival that has just closed in Yazoo City, and for the souls He blessed. I thank Him for the Church of God and for His good people.

Ask God to burden us and put lost ones on our hearts.—Mrs. Joe Jones, Box 88, Rt. 1.

Reports ➤ FROM THE FIELD

Henderson District Up and Doing

The Henderson District of North Carolina is up and doing big things for God and His Church. We have more than a \$100,000 building project going on at this time all over the District. The Henderson Church, of which the district overseer, Brother R. E. Connor, is pastor, has about completed a \$40,000 brick veneer church building. Wake Forest Church, under the leadership of Brother E. H. Babb, is building a stone church (granite) that will be valued at \$30,000. Zabulon Church, newly organized, is building a church valued at about \$6,000. The Durham Church, of which the writer is pastor, is building a church that soon will be completed (a brick veneer), to be valued at approximately \$30,000. The church at Warrenton, of which Brother C. C. Holmes is pastor, is anticipating a new church building. The churches at Raleigh and Hillsboro already have brick buildings, and Raleigh, where Brother Foy Dunn is

pastor, is about to complete a beautiful parsonage, to be valued at about \$6,000. The Hillsboro Church, where Brother West is pastor, is anticipating a new parsonage soon.

Of course, that is not the only side to the story. The reason for all of this building is, the spiritual tide is running so high on this district that people are coming to us, and we are growing to such an extent that we are having to build to keep up with the demand. I feel that this is the main reason; underneath it all is God's hand. Praise the Lord! Then, too, we have the cooperation of a fine state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams; the district overseer, Brother R. E. Connor; a group of sincere ministers; and last, but not least, a large group of laymen.—Roland Verrico, District Reporter.

Mobridge, S. Dak., District Convention

The Mobridge District convention convened April 16-18. Friday evening in

the opening service, the singing was heavenly and the orchestra was at its best. Sister Fay Dyer brought the first message, in her usual evangelistic style. When the altar call was given, the altar was filled with seekers. Saturday was a good day, in spite of the fact that many of the farmers were unable to get in due to seeding operations. God blessed in each service. Rev. Doyle Stanfield, district pastor, was the morning speaker. Rev. F. W. Lemons preached in the afternoon and Rev. Milton Sandberg spoke at the evening service. These messages were enjoyed by all.

Sunday was the crowning day, and the church was packed. Rev. Lysle Lenning spoke at the morning service. Rev. T. M. McClendon, our overseer, preached in our mission service. A fine offering was given for missions. God blessed in a wonderful way. Brother McClendon preached at the evening service, also, and the altar was filled with seekers. After a good altar service, there was hand-shaking. Many said it was the best district convention they had attended in a long time. Everyone seemed more eager to serve God better than they had done before. We desire the prayers of God's people everywhere. We are expecting great things for God in these parts.—David Green, Convention Reporter.

NEW CHURCH AT LAUREL, MISS.



The people at Laurel, Miss., are well pleased with their beautiful new brick veneer church and their efficient and capable young pastor, Rev. Cecil Knight. The estimated value of the building is \$40,000. They have had one youth revival and one regular revival, and through these and the other services, there have been forty-three converts. A number of these were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-one united with the church.

This is an example of how God will work through a young man who will give his life unreservedly for the cause of Christ.—Gene Christenbury, Youth Director of Mississippi.



Testimonies

Trust Him for all My Healing

DETROIT, Michigan—I praise God for showing me this way of salvation. I was sanctified during our revival. I am seeking the Holy Ghost. Pray that I may be filled in the near future. I also thank God for healing my back, on November 23, 1947. I trust Him for all my healing. I injured my back when I was a child. I suffered much for over thirty years, but praise God, He healed me. Please pray for me.—Mrs. Leonard A. Lavender.

God the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever

I thank God that He loved us enough to send His Son into the world to suffer and die that we might be saved from our sins and healed of our diseases. We thank God for healing our little boy, Tommy, of a growth on his neck which everyone thought was a cancer. At times it would bleed badly. On the fourth day of April, we had prayer for him at the church and God instantly healed him. Praise His name! When I came home from church, the growth had come off and left his neck perfectly smooth. We ask each one to pray for us that we may ever be worthy of His great blessings.—Ed Sanders, Shelbyville, Tenn.

God Completely Healed Our Baby

MARKED TREE, Ark.—This afternoon my heart overflows with praise and gratitude to the Christ of Calvary, Jesus the Great Physician, who made it possible for us to enjoy healing for our bodies, the same as salvation. Many times we have been healed by the power of God; the stripes that Jesus bore on His body, about which we read in Isaiah 53:5, are sufficient for the healing of all manner of disease, regardless of how severe the case may be.

On the evening of March 14, 1948, God wonderfully healed our little fourteen-month-old son of a severe illness which we believe was pneumonia. We dedicated our baby to the Lord several months ago. We want to always leave him in God's hands and be submissive to His divine will.

It was sad indeed to see our baby suffer with such high temperatures. Gladly would we have exchanged places

with him, had it been possible. Our Father knows what is best and needful for His children. Therefore, He knew we needed the lesson we were taught during our baby's suffering. It helped us to realize more how much our Father suffered in giving His only Son for us.

Our pastor and wife and others were faithful to pray with us, and we appreciated it more than words can express. At different times God would touch his body and we would think he was healed, but in a few hours the affliction would return. I felt like we should send a testimony to the Evangel so when I promised God I would, He completely healed our baby, for which we are still praising Him today.

We trust this testimony will help to encourage other parents who are trying to trust Jesus for their children's healing. His grace will prove sufficient for our every need. We earnestly covet an interest in your prayers. — Mrs. Noah H. Bell, Box 365.

God Has Been with Us

PORTLAND, ME.—I praise the Lord for His watchful care of His children. He surely has helped us in time of trouble here. We are away up in Maine and we have so much for which to be thankful. The weather was very bad this winter. Once it was 55 below zero, and we can't work very fast in weather like that; but God has been with us when going was very dangerous—traveling over rough, icy, slippery roads. I feel the time is short and we must work fast. The devil hates holiness, and I have been threatened for preaching it, but He that is in me is greater than he that is in the world. I hope someone will get the burden for Maine and come up and help us. We have a wonderful overseer, Brother J. B. Camp. He seems like a father to us preachers. There

aren't enough preachers to keep the work going. I want you who know the worth of prayer to pray for our work.—Emma Newman, 48 North Street, Portland, Maine, c/o Rev. J. B. Camp, Overseer.

Healed of T. B. in 1923

RUMMERFIELD, Pa.—I praise the Lord for salvation and His wonderful healing power. He has healed me so many times. I must testify of my healing of T. B. in February, 1923. The doctor was seeing me once every day. At last, he came very early in the morning and told my folks there wasn't any use for him to come back, that he had done all he could do, and my time was very short. So that same day, we had Brother Edwards, a great believer in divine healing, to come and pray for me. In three days I was up and going.—O. F. Young, Rt. 1.

Little Son Healed of Asthma

PULASKI, Va.—I thank and praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I truly praise Him for His wonderful healing power. I thank Him for the healing of my body and also for healing my nine-year-old son of asthma. He had suffered severe attacks since he was two and one-half years old. We cooperated with his doctors and gave him the treatments they advised for him, but severe attacks continued. Thank the Lord, he hasn't had one since he was divinely healed. Pray for us.—Callie Patton.

No Desire to Turn Back

CLEWISTON, Fla.—I praise the Lord for His mighty power to save, keep, and heal. He saved me from a life of sin; He redeemed me; and having passed from death unto life, I have no desire to turn back, or to partake of things for which I once lived, not realizing that I was dead while I was living. I praise God for keeping me. He has spared me many times from the enemy and as Psalm 91:3 says, He delivered me from the snare of the fowler.—V. T. Chears.

PILLOW TOPS

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Lest We Forget—Call to Remembrance the Former Days

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membership without being saved at all.

Yes, people who once lived for God when they needed help from Him, are now serving the god of pleasure. They are forsaking the God of heaven and taking up the things that will damn their souls. In a great church convention in the East, in recent years, in the same church that was founded by a leader who gave his life preaching justification and sanctification by faith, they considered taking out of their rituals the rules against theater going and dancing. They have let down the bars and let their congregations go where they like. As a result they have lost the blessing and power with God they once had, when sinners in their midst would fall under conviction, coming through to glorious experiences of salvation. It is high time for the children of God to call to remembrance the former days, and hold fast the doctrines that they have received.

Yes, friend, call to remembrance the days when you were hungry for a deeper walk with God, those days when you promised God if He would give you the baptism of the Holy Ghost you would be willing to suffer persecution, be willing to be misunderstood and made a gazingstock, bearing His reproach. Call to remembrance those days when you promised God if He would take you safely through some danger, you would give your life in service to Him. Dear mother, call to remembrance those nights you spent down on your knees for that precious boy who was so far out of your reach, and now that God has brought him back you have neglected to pray as you should. If you have been neglectful, ask God, for Christ's sake, to forgive you, taking up where you left off, lest a worse thing come upon you.

Yes, the old-time religion, real experiences, stood the test in days gone by! It put something down in our souls that took us through, and it will stand today, during these times of uncertainty. Yes, lest we forget, "call to remembrance the former days."

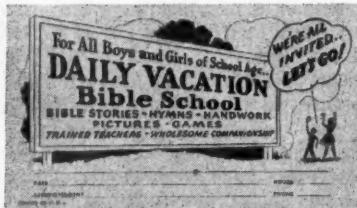
MODESTY VS MODERNISM

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many. A few years ago, the Church caught the vision, and began training the youth for service. Today, we have a great army of young people—young men and women who are modest. They

have been on their knees. They have been to school and educated themselves, and they simply resent and refuse to ride the devil's band wagon. They have been bought with the price of blood, and they are not for sale. They live modestly. They dress modestly. They will not paint or go to

the show. They will not smoke, chew, dip, and smear. In spite of the modern professor's argument that you can't live right, people are doing it every day, right in his face; and with our modest youth as front-line men, the Church is bound to win over modernism.

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der the blessing from coming if you do not honour God with your gifts. If you really loved God, you would be glad to give liberally, and in turn God would richly bless you. Christ showed His love for you, in "that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich," 2 Cor. 8:9. God challenges you to prove Him. He wants you to put Him to the test; try it and see if what I am telling you about in this message is not really true. You will find that He not only wants the offerings, but He wants to have you give to Him the tithe, which is really God's and you have no right to withhold it from Him. If God cannot trust you with that which belongs to another, neither will He entrust to you those riches that are your own (rightfully).

Mal. 3:7-10 gives us instructions about tithing. The people had neglected giving the tithe and offerings and were cursed because of it, instead of blessed. I quote, "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS. BRING YE ALL THE TITHES INTO THE STOREHOUSE, THAT THERE MAY BE MEAT IN MINE HOUSE, AND PROVE ME NOW HEREWITH, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS, IF I WILL NOT OPEN YOU THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN, AND POUR YOU OUT A BLESSING, THAT THERE SHALL NOT BE ROOM ENOUGH TO RECEIVE IT." So you see that a blessing is promised to those who pay their tithes and give of their offerings. You can do yourself a great favor by believing these promises true and then complying with the request that God has made about putting your treasures in heaven. They will be in safekeeping there.

I should like to say a few things about the matter of Christians paying their tithes. Some feel that this was entirely an Old Testament doctrine and, therefore, not binding on the New Testament Christians. To a certain extent this may be true, but if God required at least a tithe under the Law, should not we, who are under grace, be glad to pay the tithe and give even so much the more of our means in offerings? I believe we should.

Abraham paid tithes before the Law was given, according to Gen. 14:20, and Jacob continued the practice, also, before the Law was given. Gen. 28:20-22, "And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God; and this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee."

Moses commanded it, according to Deut. 14:22, "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year."

Nehemiah called for the tithes in his day of reformation. Neh. 10:37-39, "And that we should bring ... the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage ... and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house ... and we will not forsake the house of our God."

JESUS COMMENDED the paying of tithes, as we see from the following: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye PAY TITHES OF mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these OUGHT ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Paul believed in giving in proportion to the amount of receipts, likely the tithe and also freewill offerings. 1 Cor. 16:1, 2, "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

If God's people all paid the tithes to support real spiritual men, who are Spirit-filled, it would go a long way toward evangelizing this world, and in turn, each tither would have God's rich blessings resting upon him. Remember, we cannot outgive God. You will do yourself and the Church a great favor if you will believe the promises God has given about giving, and give systematically and consistently from a heart full of love. Judas Iscariot had every opportunity the others had, but became covetous and died a suicide. Please don't become a spiritual suicide.

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